

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In re application of

Yoshio NITTA

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For: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD DETERMINING USER FEE ON THE  
BASIS OF QUALITY OF SERVICE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. JP-A-2000-32056
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. JP-A-Heisei 4-49439

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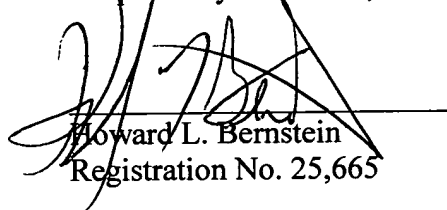
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